

APPROVED

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Attest:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
MEETING 39-88

October 17, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Work Session in the Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland on Monday, October 17, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

## PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

## ABSENT

Councilmember Stephen N. Abrams (travel leave)

Re: Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

Present for the Planning Commission were Chairman Richard Arkin, and members Gloria Atlas, Donald Boebel, Patrick McGarey, Glennon Harrison, and James Vitol.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Attorney Paul T. Glasgow, City Clerk Margaret R. Gearin, Rick Kuckkahn, Director of Planning, and Larry Owens, Planning Department.

The following items were discussed:

1. Town Center Development was reviewed by Larry Owens stressing the three special areas of concern: parking, traffic promotion, and coordination efforts

with the private sector.

On Councilmember Coyle's motion the meeting was closed for Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss land disposition and consultation with legal counsel.

The Executive Session ended at 8:05 and the meeting continued.

2. Richard Arkin gave a status report on the West End Neighborhood Plan. The Council agreed that the Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission would hold a joint public hearing on the neighborhood plan for area 4 in February. It was also agreed that the Planning Commission will begin updating the Plan in the summer of 1989 followed by an update of the zoning text. At 8:30 p.m., the mayor invited the Planning Commission to remain for the Work Session with County Officials on the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center.

Re: Presentation by County  
Officials on the Montgomery  
County Life Sciences Center

In attendance for the County were Councilmember William Hanna and County Staff Members Jim Kurtz, Manager of the Life Sciences Center, Office of Economic Development and Lyn Coleman from the Park and Planning Board who discussed the history and development plans for the center with particular emphasis on uses for the King Farm and the Thomas Farm which are in Rockville's maximum expansion limits. In addition, copies of the January 1988 Issues and Trends Report on the Shady Grove West Area, which was printed by the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission, were distributed.

Councilmember Hanna stressed that the County seeks to be a world class research and development center and that the Montgomery County Council is unanimous in believing that the economic future of the County depends on the development of the Life Science Center.

City Manager, Bruce Romer will discuss with Jim Kurtz the concept of

generating a small business incubator in the Shady Grove development area and will follow the development of the Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan Amendment process.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Work Session, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. to convene again in General Session on Monday, October 24, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.